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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: FRENCH DEMARCHES TO GREEK AND TURKISH

GOVERNMENTS ON BEHALF OF EC-NINE

SUMMARY: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED BRIEFINGS ON DEMARCHES TO BE MADE TO GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS ABOUT CYPRUS ON BEHALF OF EC-NINE. GREEKS WILL BE TOLD THEY HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS IN VIEW OF GREEK PRESENCE IN CYPRUS MILITARY. TURKS WILL BE COUNSELED TO MAINTAIN RESTRAINT AND NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD LEAD TO DESTABILIZATION IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. END SUMMARY

- 1. DE MARGERIE, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE, CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON EC-9 INITIATIVES WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS CRISIS. SAUVAGNARGUES WISHED TO DO THIS IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT EC-9 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. I THEREFORE ASKED POL COUNSELLOR TO MEET WITH DE MARGERIE AT NOON.
- 2. DE MARGERIE SAID FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS AND ANKARA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING DEMARCHES ON BEHALF OF EC-9 GOVERNMENTS. INSTRUCTION TO BE CARRIED OUT AFTER FINAL CLEARANCE OBTAINED FROM EC-9 CAPITALS.
- 3. ATHENS: EC-9 DEMARCHE WILL POINT OUT THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS IN CYPRUS. RECENT BEHAVIOR OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT MAKES IT PERFECTLY CLEAR TO EVERYONE CONCERNED THAT THE PRESENCE OF GREEK OFFICERS IN THE CYPRUS ARMY GIVES THE GREEK GOVERNMENT A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP RESTORE STABILITY IN THAT COUNTRY. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WILL TRANSMIT THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE EC-9 GOVERNMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT THREAT TO STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE EC-9 GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT CYPRUS WHICH IS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND FIRMLY OPPOSE ALL THREATS TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS, AS WELL AS ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERFERENCE IN CYPRUS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ON THE BASIS OF ITS TREATY LINKS WITH GREECE, THE EC-9 APPEALS TO THE GOG TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE CONDITIONS OF STABILITY IN CYPRUS AND THE SURROUNDING REGION.

4. ANKARA: THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WILL BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THE DEMARCHE MADE

IN ATHENS ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. HE WILL ALSO INFORM THE GOT THAT THE EC-9 UNDERSTANDS THE GOT'S CONCERN WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS (BUT WILL NOTE HOWEVER THAT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS HAS NOT SUFFERED). THE EC-9 APPRECIATES THE VIGILANT AND PRUDENT ATTITUDE OF THE GOT WITH RESPECT TO THE CYPRUS CRISIS, AND WILL EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE GOT WILL NOT DEPART FROM ITS POSTURE OF RESTRAINT IN ORDER TO AVOID AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ALREADY ENDANGERED STABILITY IN THE AREA.

5. DE MARGERIE EXPRESSED THE HOPE, WHICH POL COUNSELLOR RECIPROCATED, THAT WE COULD KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS FAST BREAKING SITUATION. IRWIN

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